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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources - Electronic System for Transactions**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to implement a
4 certain electronic system for the sale and issuance of licenses, permits, and
5 registrations and the recording and releasing of certain security interests;
6 authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating
7 to the implementation of an electronic system for transactions by the
8 Department of Natural Resources.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 1-403
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Natural Resources**

17 1-403.

18 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
19 DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE
20 SALE AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AND REGISTRATIONS AND THE
21 RECORDING AND RELEASING OF SECURITY INTERESTS.

22 (B) THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR:

23 (1) RECORDING TITLING AND REGISTRATION DATA;

24 (2) RECORDING AND RELEASING LIENS WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OF A
25 SECURITY INTEREST FILING; AND

26 (3) RECORDING INFORMATION RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR A
27 LICENSE, PERMIT, OR REGISTRATION.

1 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:

2 (1) IMPLEMENT THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
3 SECTION; AND

4 (2) DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE FEE LEVEL THAT MAY BE CHARGED
5 BY A VENDOR FOR THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION SERVICE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2004.